



RICH MAN, BORED MAN

Please help me! My boredom level is dangerously high! My subscription to MAD is running out soon and I'm losing it! Our maids keep shoveling all my magazines in my closet and it makes me incredibly pissed! If the pages don't get torn by that, the entire magazine gets thrown out because my mom was 'cleaning up." I'm now reduced to movies and my Gameboy for entertainment and I already beat every game on it. I desperately need a subscription and I'm flat broke. Can you help me with one?

Max Justicz, Atlanta, GA

Justicz League - We could barely get through your letter with the tears welling in our eyes. That's a real tough life you've got there, Maxie — it reminds us of something out of a Dickens novel! Your maids cleaned up your MADs for you and now you just have your Gameboy to play with? Next you'll tell us that you're so bored you have to ride your

diamond-encrusted bike or listen to your solid-gold iPod! We hope your luck changes and although we can't give you a MAD subscription, you will certainly be in our prayers! -Ed.

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

Fans of the MAD Letters Page will be excited to know that defending "Envelope of the Month" champ Jim Hutchings has responded to challenger Matt Handfield's Envelope Of The Month smackdown from issue #466. We think you'll agree that Jim's response is boldly-worded and more than a little baffling. Matt, are you going to take this from a Canadian? C'mon, man, defend your country's honor! One thing's for sure — in this battle, even the winner is a loser! —Ed.

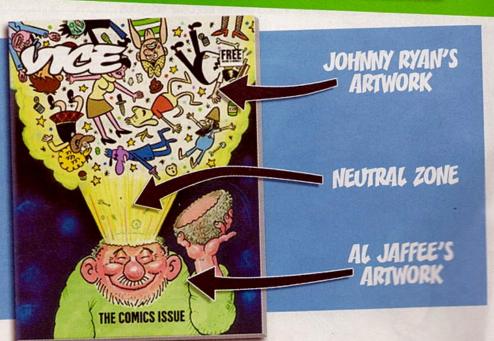






#469 you have a picture of the cover of Vice magazine which you attribute to Al Jaffee. It was, in fact, drawn by two people. One of them being Mr. Jaffee and the other being me. I drew all those critters floating around in Al's brain cloud.

Rye Bread — This is typical Jaffee! Getting rich off the blood, sweat and tears of those who toil behind the scenes. Well, the jig is up, Jaffee! Your days of grandstanding and strongarming are over! We're happy to set the record straight and offer our sincerest apologies to fellow MAD artist Johnny Ryan! —Ed.





STEAL WOOL

I have been a huge fan of your rag since I can remember. I continue my subscription despite my mailman's disapproving glances as he drops it in my box. I've enjoyed seeing how it has evolved over the years. In the past few years I've been delighted with the addition of madmumblings@madmag.com. I enjoy the offbeat and sometimes insane bits of wisdom that spews forth from the folks at madmag.com. However, in MAD #468, someone named eligold27 submitted the phrase "It's a well-known fact that the sheep that gives us steel wool have no natural enemies." Perhaps some of your more astute readers have noticed, as I have, that this is not an original musing by eligold27, but a stolen line from a Far Side comic. I'm shocked that someone would stoop so low just to get something printed in your lousy mag...which I still love, by the way. Therefore I invite all MAD readers to rise up against eligoId27 and demand justice on the behalf of Mr. Gary Larson. For shame, eligoId27, for shame.

Nick Norsten, Hollywood, CA

Nickelback — That is a very serious accusation...and an accurate one. We were dismayed to find that the line is, in fact, stolen from a Far Side cartoon. We were so incensed by this blatant plagiarism, that we got our crack team of internet security specialists to track down the identity of eligold27. And after several hundred man hours, our team got their man! We're saddened and ashamed to report that eligold27 is none other than long-time MAD contributor and career scoundrel, Al Jaffee. We'd like to apologize to long-time MAD non-contributor Gary Larson. And although this doesn't affect him in any way, we'd like to apologize once again to Johnny Ryan. For shame, Al Jaffee, for shame! —Ed.

TAT'S ALL, FOLKS!

I really have to start thinking things through. How about a three-year subscription to line my birdcage with?

John Beuhler, British Columbia, Canada

Beuhler?...Beuhler? — It looks like you're in for a lifetime of long-sleeved shirts, friend! We

have one question though — what's with Alfred's eyes? He looks like he hasn't slept in weeks. Congrats on your free one-year subscription. Hopefully the money you save can be put towards the tattoo removal surgery! See you in the O.R.! —Ed.

> JOHN'S HORRIBLE, PERMANENT MISTAKE



CELEBRITY SNAPS

As the winner of Beauty And The Geek, I was accosted by a young orphan boy asking to take a picture with me while I held up a MAD. Having appeared in the magazine with Spike Lee and Survivor's Jonny Fairplay as part of The Ed.'s Nifty Fifty™, I knew what he was up to. And I figured now that I've won \$250,000, it was time to do what everyone else with money does - get free stuff. So I rejected his offer, stole the issue he had on him, and decided to take a picture with myself holding a MAD. If not part of the Ed.'s Nifty Fifty™, I'd have to believe that the winner of Beauty And The Geek is at least in the Ed.'s Not-That-Great Ninety Eight™! Growing up on MAD (I owe my sense of humor to the magazine) I recall an article entitled "You're A Winner And A Loser..." and humbly ask you to add me under that rubric whether the subscription to MAD or winning a show named Beauty And The Geek makes me the loser, I leave up to you (and my high school bullies.)

Josh Herman, Los Angeles, CA

Herminator — Reading your letter brought a tear to our jaded, world-weary eye. On these very Letters Pages, we've watched you grow up (relatively speaking). We think this is a first: a Celebrity Snapper becoming a Celebrity Snappee. By the way, the publication of this letter officially ends your 15 minutes of fame! Enjoy your three-year subscription and we look forward to your inevitable appearance on The Surreal Life! —Ed.



JOSH AND SPIKE LEE FROM MAD #398

DISHONARABLE MENTION

I have one question. I was wondering if you kept track of how many times people write to you and if there is a record. If there is a record, would you please tell me because I would like to break it. Also, I know you probably will find a way to make fun of my name, and I would just like to wish you good luck!

Zevi Lowenberg, Baltimore, MD

Zevi Nova — Actually, we haven't kept track of how often people write to us. But for the sake of this conversation, let's just say you've broken the record with this letter. Congratulations on your victory — now there is no reason to write to us ever again. —Ed.

P.S. We hope you like how we made fun of your name — we could never have risen to the challenge without your encouragement!

STAGE BLIGHT

I have a question, in MAD #468 in "Reasons You Should Definitely Skip Summer Concerts," you are making fun of a singer talking about politics who looks and acts a lot like the singer Conor Oberst from the band Bright Eyes. Is that singer him?

Tyler Pittman, Jeromesville, OH

Merry Tyler Moron — You've raised a really sore subject for us. The character you identify as Conor Oberst was actually artist Simon Gane's attempt to draw Kanye West. Suffice to say, Mr. Gane missed the mark and we are still very displeased. Thanks for opening up old wounds! —Ed.



BUT SIRIUS-LY, FOLKS...

Recently on the Howard Stern radio show, Howard and guest Louis C.K.(of the HBO series Lucky Louie) had nothing better to talk





My influence was MAD Magazine.



Right...Oh, I loved MAD Magazine when I was little.



And the first time MAD Magazine put me on the cover, I was beside myself.



Oh god! That must've been amazing!



It was an amazing feeling and I remember I think they had my head coming out of a toilet bowl with a plunger.



I was like wow, I mean that's too much — Ya know, I gotta — I gotta blow up that cover because I really should look at that.



That's a great moment.



Yeah. I savored that.

Don't forget to send in your vote for...

HOWARD STERN

COVER ART (MAD #335)

THE BIG QUESTION

Which celebrity would you most like to see get attacked by a Bird Flu-infected Emu?

- ☐ American Idol loser Katharine McPhee
- ☐ What's-his-name who plays Superman
- ☐ Former soft-porn model turned Beatle gold digger Heather Mills McCartney
- ☐ Daniel "We'll show you what a bad day is" Powter

Send in your pick to Amy "The Big Question" Vozeolas. c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, NY, NY 10019.

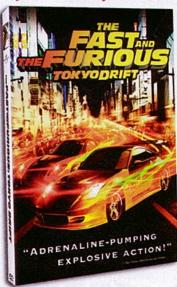
> We'll illustrate the "winner" in an upcoming issue!

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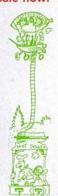
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READER ALERT!

Those of you lucky enough to have your letters printed in this month's Letters Page will receive a DVD of *The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift*, courtesy of Universal Home Video.



Don't fret if you didn't make it into the Letters Page, the DVD is on sale now!



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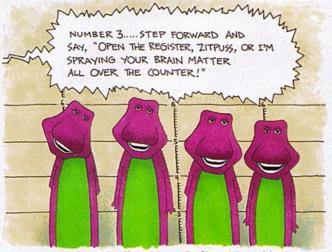
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Unfortunate Costume Coincidences

MELVIN & JENKINS'



Jenkins would never illegally download a song, because it deprives the artist of their rightful royalties.



Melvin doesn't illegally download either, because his double-layered sweatsuit is still "OI' Reliable."

GOOD NEWS COMING OUT OF IRAQ WHICH THE MEDIA ISN'T COVERING...

Skimping on body armor for the troops frees up government funds for their stay in VA hospitals when they return home.

Air pollution is down in Iraq, since people are much more reluctant to drive, what with the roadside bombe provide a good dry run for the inevitable bloody civil war.

After a cursed, 50-year losing streak, Dasra Tech is having a Cinderella run in the Iraqi NCAA basketball tournament.

> When the left-wing peacenik press reported the story about 27 people found dead in a ditch outside Baghdad, they neglected to tell you that it was only 26. One man was sliced in half, so they thought at first it was two people.

The war is actually saving future lives — since it's such an embarrassing debacle that young American men are refusing to join the armed services.





Well, if these references check out, I'd say we've found Eric his new boogie man.

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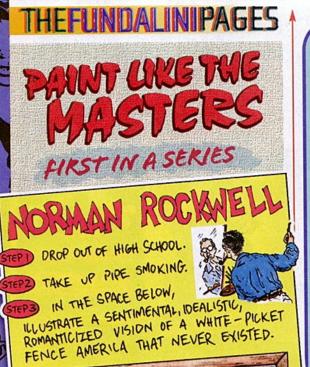
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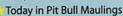
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CRUCIFIX JAB

Self defense experts know that a common door or car key makes an excellent weapon when held firmly between the fingers and jabbed into someone's eye. But few people realize that a miniature crucifix, such as the kind found on rosary beads, are equally effective.

Step 1 Wrap rosary tightly around open palm.



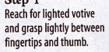
Step 3 Clench fist and punch pedophile priest directly in eye. Repeat as necessary.

TIVE CANDLE WAX TOSS

Votives are commonly found in cathedrals and rectories. They are a convenient source of hot wax, which, when thrown accurately, can severely stun and/or scald an advancing debauched man of the cloth.

Reach for lighted votive

monsignor's face.







*These self-defense techniques are only to be used on sexually aggressive dergymen. Most priests are really swell guys. (This disclaimer presented as a tip o' the hat to Catholic League president William Donohue.)

INCENSE HOLDER TWIRL

In a pinch, a makeshift mace can be fashioned out of a traditional incense burner. By swinging the incense burner directly into a predatory pastor's forehead you can knock him unconscious long enough to call the police and maybe even the local news.

Step 1 Firmly grip chain attached to incense burner.

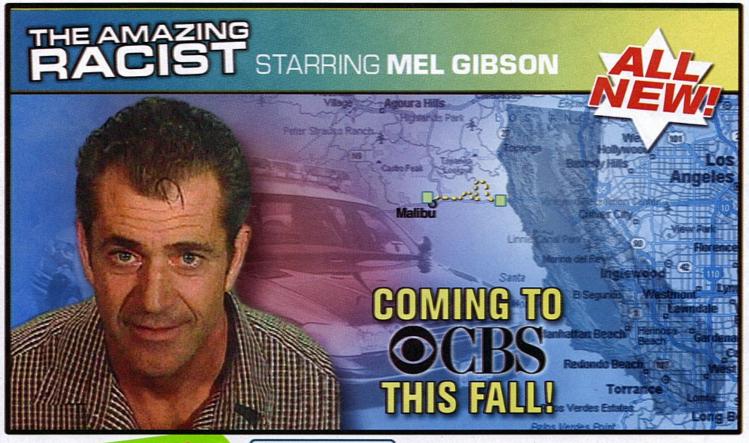


Step 2 With a brisk rotation of the arm, twirl incense burner in the air at rapid speed.



Note: Incense burners without a chain may be thrown directly at a corrupt cardinal's head. In many cases, this is equally effective.

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WITH AGIUAL

"THE JEWS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE WARS IN THE WORLD!"

"WHAT DO
YOU THINK YOU'RE
LOOKING AT,
SUGART*TS?"

COMING TO TOY STORES "I WILL SPEND ALL OF MY MONEY TO GET EVEN WITH YOU!"

JUST IN TIME FOR CHANUKAH

> "ARE YOU A JEW?"

> > "YOU MOTHERP***ER! I'M GOING TO P*** YOU!"

"I'M NOT GOING TO GET IN YOUR CAR!"

Drinking Jews!"

"I OWN MALIBU!"

PAGES

Saddam Sez:

AND THEY SAY

I'M ANTI-SEMITIC! HOW

ABOUT THAT GIBSON?! HOO-BOY!

STILL, I COULD USE A MAN LIKE

HIM IN MY ORGANIZATION, ONCE THIS

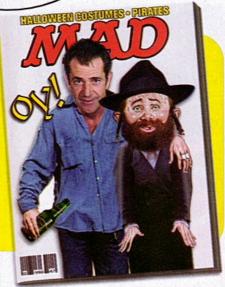
WHOLE TRIAL THING BLOWS OVER AND I'M

BACK TO RUNNING THINGS AROUND HERE!

I ESPECIALLY LIKE GIBSON'S PERFORMANCE IN LETHAL MEAPON. MOT THE ONE WITH JOE PESCI, THOUGH. THAT SUCKED! UDAY AND GUSAY GAVE IT TWO THUMBS DOWN!

BUT, I AM A LITTLE HURT. THIS GUY GOES
OFF ON ONE ANTI-SEMITIC TIRADE AND HE
GETS HIS OWN FEATURE! I PERSECUTED
THOUSANDS OF MY FELLOW COUNTRYMEN
AND I GET BUPYKIS! WHO'S A GUY
GOTTA EXECUTE TO GET A
SADDAM-ALINE!?





MEL GIBSON'S APOLOGY (FIRST DRAFT)

On July 28th, I embarrassed my family, my agency, my co-stars, my gaffers — and, most important of all, I embarrassed myself. My struggle with alcohol is reminiscent of Christ's Passion and struggle at Calvary — although His persecutors didn't have sophisticated radar equipment and breathalyzers. Also, *He* didn't have His mugshot plastered all over the tabloids the next day — so in many ways, He had it easier. Anyhow, I have entered rehab, and with the help of God (the New Testament one) I hope to become sober for good.

I also wish to apologize to the Jewish community for my inexcusable remarks. I do not really believe that Jews are responsible for all the wars in the world. For instance, how many Jews live in Darfur? I especially apologize to all the powerful producers, directors, critics, and other Jewish movers-and-shakers who pretty much run Hollywood. I am not anti-Semitic, and all forms of bigotry run against my bizarre splinter version of Catholicism. As my father always told me...well, maybe it's not such a good idea to go into that right now.

As for the "sugart*ts" comment, that was misinterpreted. I was merely paraphrasing Song of Solomon 7:6-8, which reads, "How pleasant art thou, O love, for delights! Thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine." It was meant to inspire, not to demean. At least that's what I sort of remember.

In closing, I hope I will be forgiven for my latest round of deplorable words and actions. I also hope that I will once again be known for having a nice butt, instead of being a big ass. But above all, I hope that this whole fiasco will be forgotten by the time *Apocalypto* comes out this fall.

Sincerely,

Mel Gibson

P.S. An Aramaic translation of this apology is now available online.

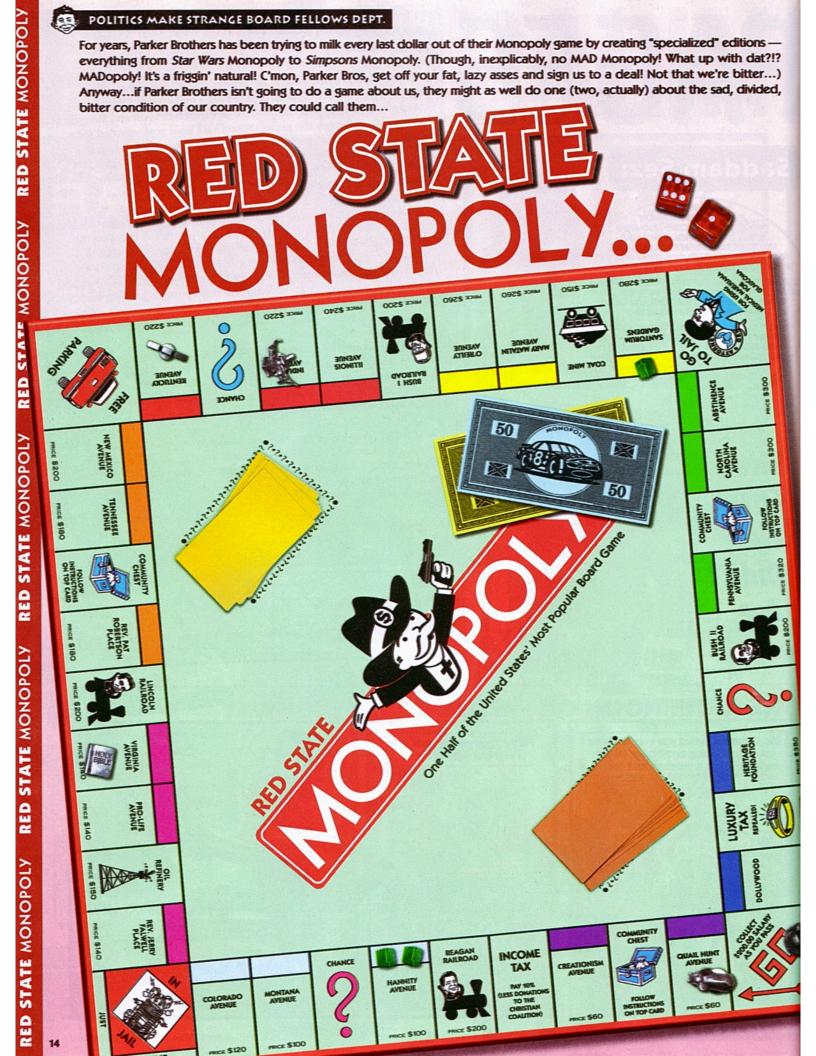
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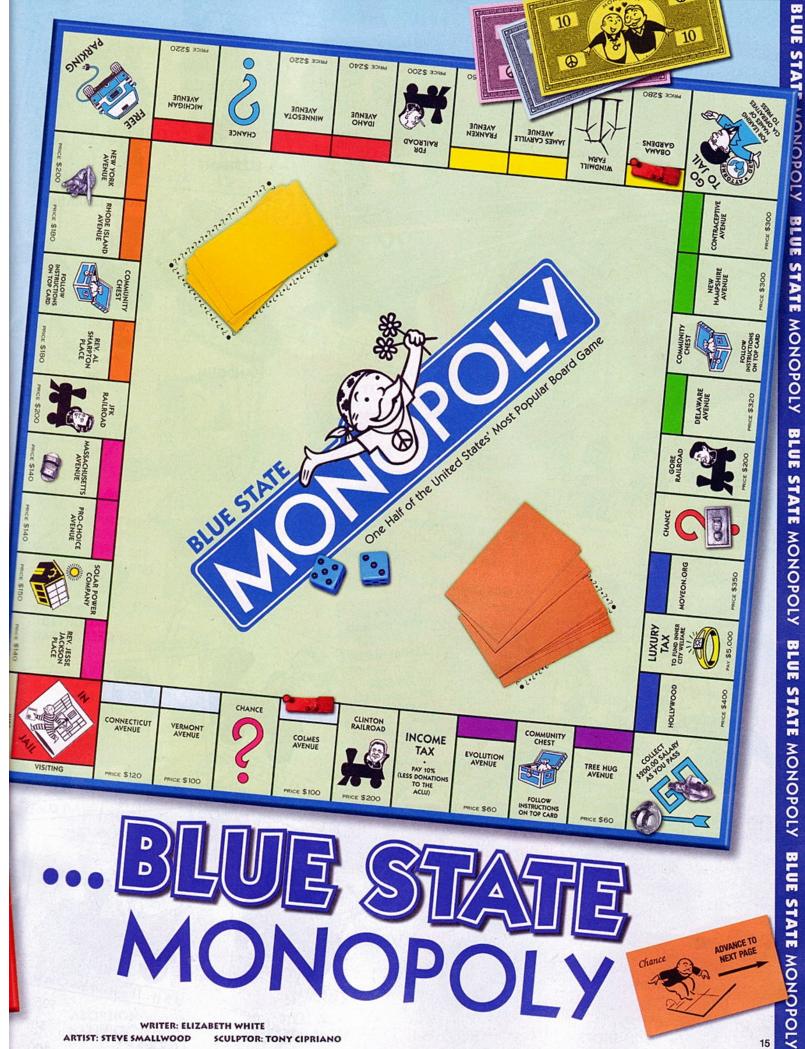
Mr. Gibson, I pulled you over because you were driving erratically. I'd like you to perform a sobriety test for me.











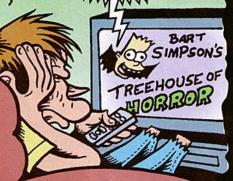




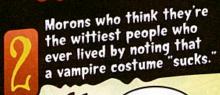


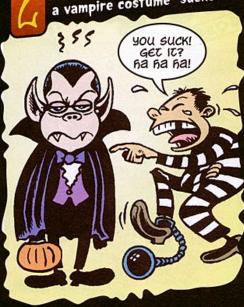
Candy! Costumes! Parties! Halloween must be the greatest holiday of the year, right? Wrong! Halloween has a disguise all its own underneath the mask of fun and frivolity, it's every bit as soul-crushing and annoying as Arbor Day! It's true! So don't fill up on candy make sure you leave some room for ...





Because of the never-ending baseball playoffs, having to wait until November for The Simpsons Halloween episode.





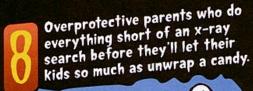


Unseasonable heat that turns your makeup into something much scarier than you planned.





Out-of-touch adults who don't have a clue what character you're dressed as.







People who pretend to not be home, even though you know they are.

HALIONER

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE ARTIST: PETER BAGGE

Having to share your candy with a younger sibling who didn't do any of the work.



Lampanies

The fact that candy companies have the gall to create the phrase "Fun Size" when what they really mean is "Extremely Small Size."



Finding an empty candy bowl on a porch, because the owners counted on the honor system and you got there second.





The humiliating — not to mention idiotic — party tradition of bobbing for apples.

Just what we want to do — dip our faces in a simmering broth of other kids' sweat, drool and pinkeye bacteria!



THE THINGS TALLOWELY ABOUT HALLOWELY



When you and the dorkiest kid in class have the same costume.

People who refer to Frankenstein's Monster as "Frankenstein." Frankenstein is the doctor, nimrods. The monster is the monster. Got that?



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corns, and I give
away 7, but then
someone else gives
me 13, how many
po I have left?
anyone...?



something fun, like a party.

SPOOK

LIKE, now what?

People who think a graveyard is the coolest possible place to go at midnight. Hey, there's a great idea: let's wait until everyone is asleep, then go visit a place where nobody is alive!

Condescending "Halloween Safety Tips" that insult the intelligence of anyone with more than two brain cells.

Don't eat unwrapped canpy? wow, I'm sure glap I read these handy tips, or I might have ended up in the hospital!

KIDS!
BE SMART

DON'T EAT UNWRAPPED
CANDY!



Having to hear the song "Monster Mash" everywhere you go.



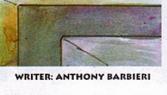
Someone's got to want to be this guy's Friend. It's ...



















































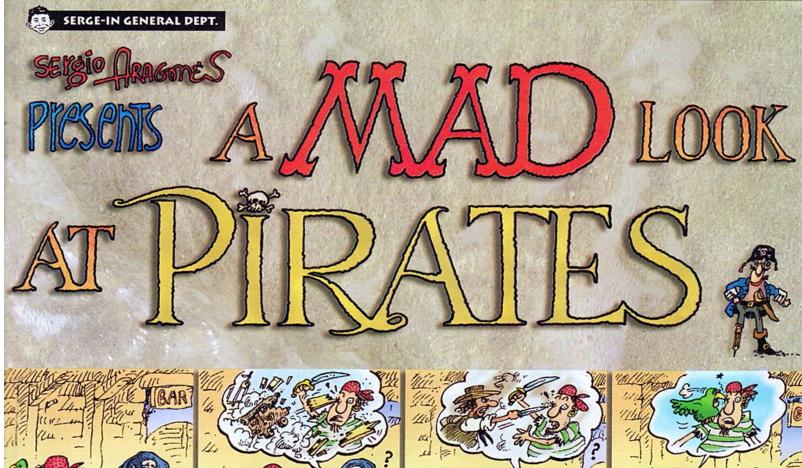
















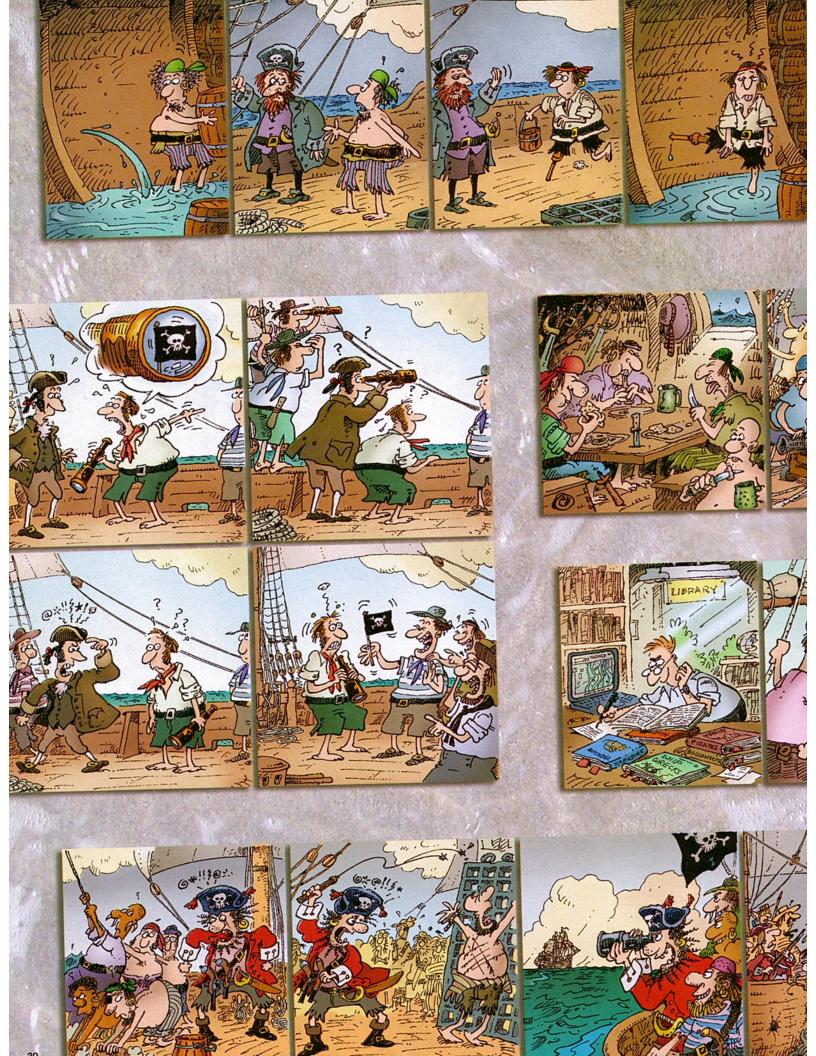




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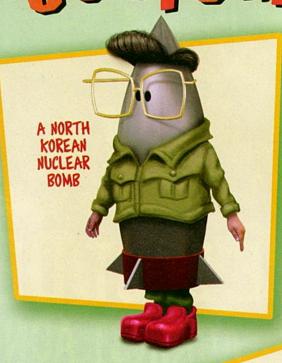






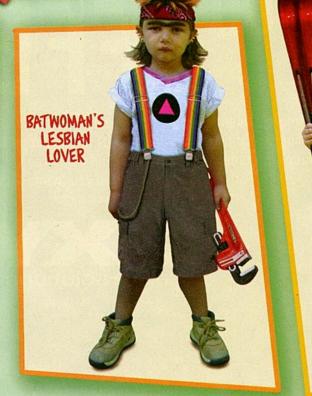
t's Halloween again and that means it's time to make that all-important decision — which costume to spend fifty dollars on and wear only once! Will it be the classic vampire, a cow with a hilariously exposed udder, or will you just go without a mask and be the scariest one at the party anyway? To make it easier for you, MAD has dug up... Solution of the cost of the cost of the classic vampire, a cow with a hilariously exposed udder, or will you just go without a mask and be the scariest one at the party anyway? To make it easier for you, MAD has dug up... Solution of the cost of the cost of the classic vampire, a cow with a hilariously exposed udder, or will you just go without a mask and be the scariest one at the party anyway? To make it easier for you, MAD has dug up...

















We at MAD generally find politicians to be oversized wieners. And, just like oversized wieners, politicians must be carefully packaged — including a catchy slogan! After all, it's much easier to come up with a stupid campaign slogan than an actual platform! But we'd like some truthful and upfront catchphrases for a change. Kind of like these...

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EREE!

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SWEEPING CHANGE
BACK TO THE
FORMER STATUS QUOL

DEMOCRATS—
THE BEST PARTY
FOR AMERICA,

IF ONLY
BY DEFAULT!

POWER CORRUPT CAN WE BE?
THIS YEAR, VOTE DEMOCRAT!

3 OUT OF 4
BALDWIN
BROTHERS
CAN'T BE WRONG!

DEMOCRATS In '06 VOTE DEMOCRAT! Because...uhhh...well, you know. Just vote for us.

SLOGANS TO HEAR

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY:
SPREADING
FREEDOM
AND
AND
DEMOCRACY
ABROAD,
EVEN IF NO ONE WANTS IT!

ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY CAN DO FOR YOU, SINCE WE PLAN TO CUT SOCIAL SERVICES

REPUBLICANS '06

THE GOP A TRASHING SCIENCE FOR OVER 25 YEARS!

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR, EXCEPT FOR WHAT

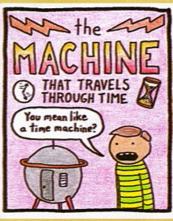
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

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VOTE
REPUBLICAN!
You may already be the winner of a cabinet-level position!

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE















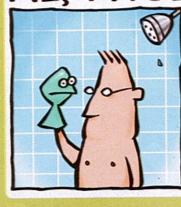












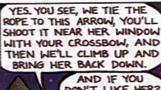
















I HAVE A BETTER IDEA. HOW ABOUT WE SEND YOU UP, YOU SPEND A ROMANTIC HOUR OR TWO, AND TOMORROW, IF YOU STILL WANT HER, WE'LL COME BACK.



APPARENTLY YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT DESTINY.

I KNOW I'M DESTINED TO HEAR YOU BELLYACHE ABOUT YOUR AWFUL MARRIAGE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE IF I DON'T SAY SOMETHING NOW.



DON'T YOU BELIEVE IN A SOUL MATE?

SURE! BUT WHO THE HELL FINDS HER ON THE FIRST TRY? I'VE SLEPT WITH HUNDREDS OF WOMEN AND I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND MY SOUL MATE!







JUST SHOOT THE DAMN ARROW OR I'LL STAB YOU.

ALL I'M SAYING IS WHY NOT WINDOW SHOP A BIT? THERE'S A TOWER DOWN THE ROAD WITH ANOTHER MAIDEN IN IT.

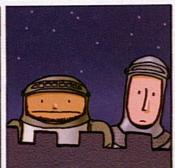














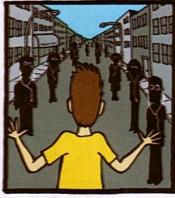
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S-REX ON THE CITY: 1200 PEOPLE





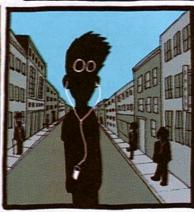












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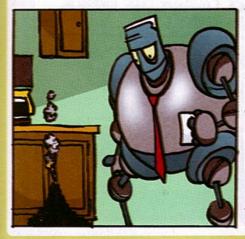


















NO ACHILLES' HEELS.
NO TRULY CHALLENGING
VILLAINS, MEET THE ONLY
INEXTIPABLE SUPERHERO:









AS THE EARTH SPINS IT GETS
BIGGER-AND SO DO MY REAL
ESTATE HOLDINGS. IT'S A
MAGNIFICENT SCHEME FOR AN
EXTRAORDINARY HOMBRE: ME,
THE DEVELOPER!



FANTABULAMAN
EXPLOITS HIS INFINITE
KNOWLEDGE OF
PSYCHOLOGY TO STOP
THE DEVELOPER.



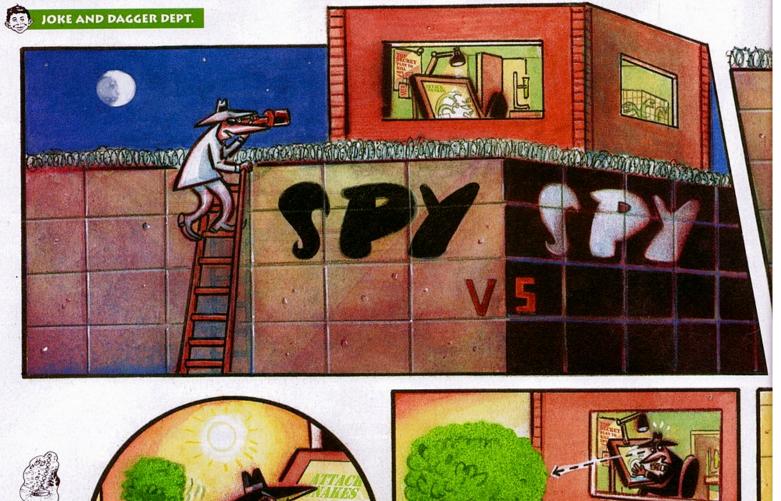
MONTHS PASS AS
THE NARCISSISTIC
DEVELOPER IGNORES
HIS UNPAID BILLS...

HEY, YOU STUNNING TO GUY! YOU ROCK! YOUR BOOK IS BREATHTAKING!



FINALLY THE DEVELOPER IS
BROKE! THE GOVERNMENT TOOK ALL
HIS LAND FOR UNPAID TAXES AND
HIS ROCKETS GOT REPOED BY THE
FINANCE COMPANY. THE EARTH IS
BACK TO NORMAL!



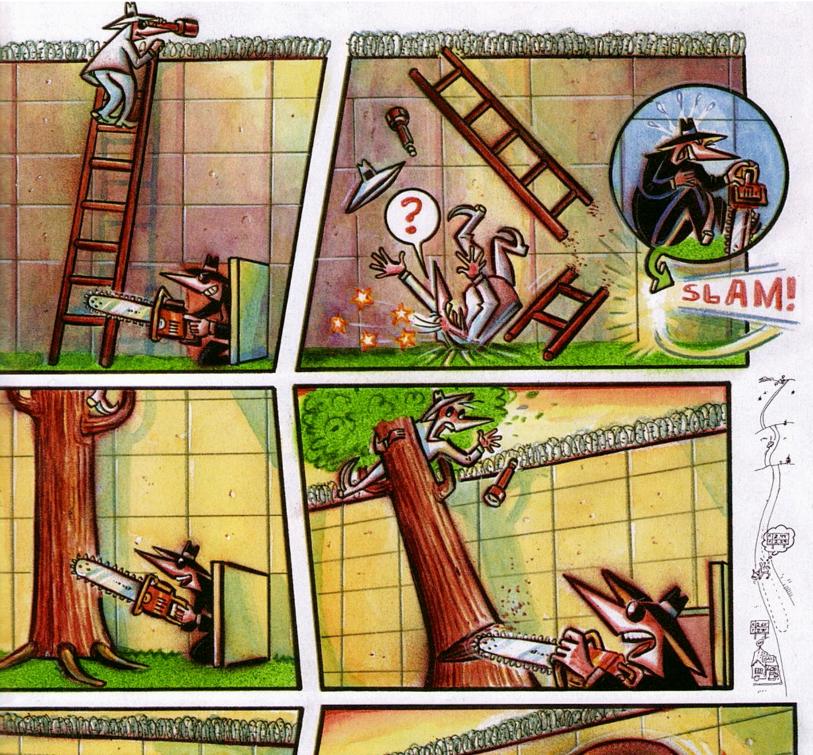
















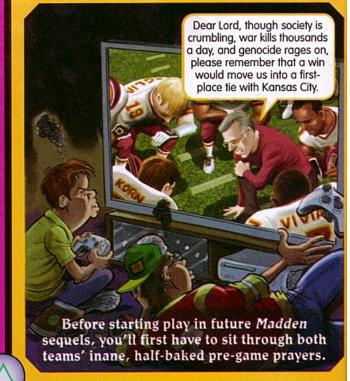


With holier-than-thou nimrod Senators like Rick Santorum and Joe Lieberman in power, the separation between church and state has never been more fragile. But with the upcoming release of a PC game based on the *Left Behind* books, gamers everywhere must recognize that a much more important barrier — that between church and game — is about to be breached like a cardboard levee! And here's what you can expect...

And here's what you can expect... VIDEO GAMES BECOME RELIGIOUS

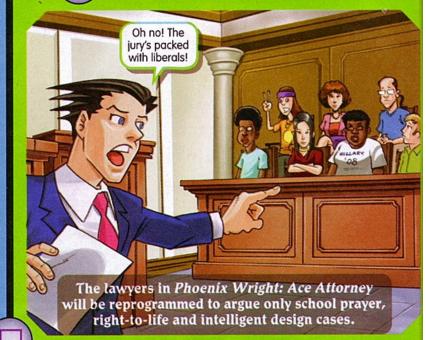
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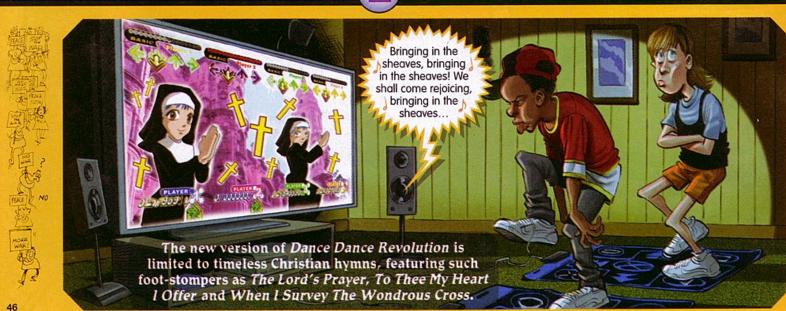
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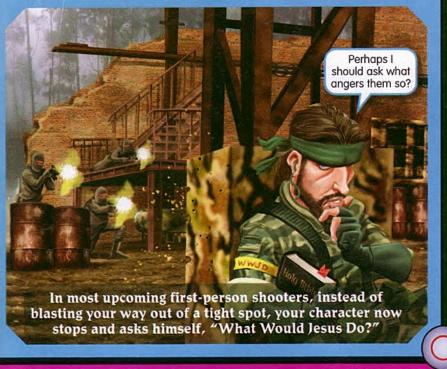


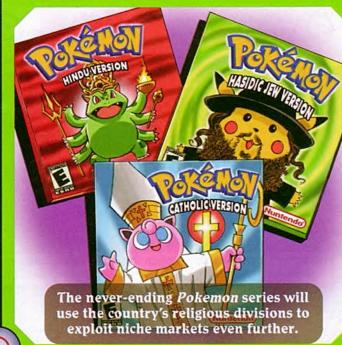
Let me get this straight: your sins include nine shootings, fourteen stabbings and thirty-two "bitch-slapped hoes" — all in the last 20 minutes?

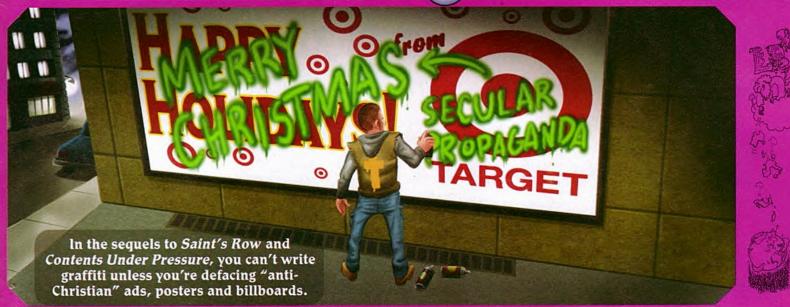
Every time you maim, stab, or gun somebody down, you'll be whisked off to a confessional to atone for your sins.

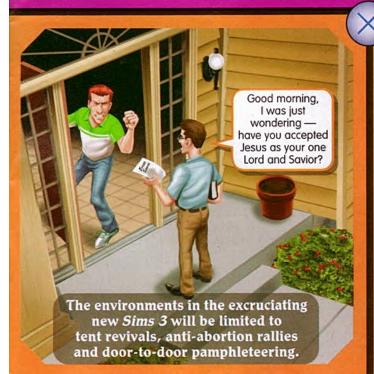




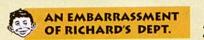












A T. Commercial We'd Like to See

- and be sure to leave

off the last "E" to avoid

dialing a wrong number!



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SystemTM!

You've changed

my life!

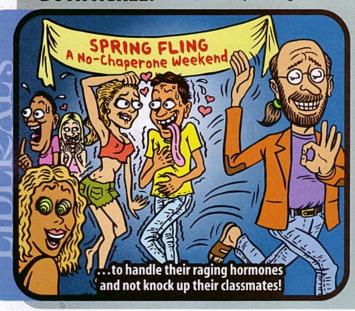


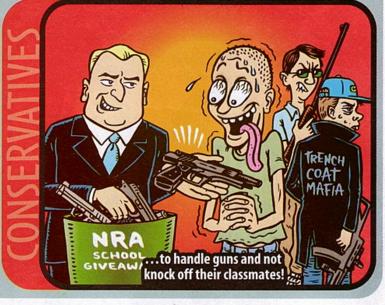
We live in a divided nation. From drilling in Alaska to fighting in Iraq, Liberals and Conservatives can't agree on anything (except that Joey will be missed by no one). Finding that sliver of common ground can be difficult, which is why MAD presents...

LIBERALS and CONSERVATIVES

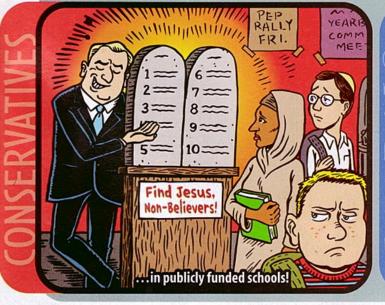
Agree...and Disagree

BOTH AGREE: In a free society, teenagers can be trusted...



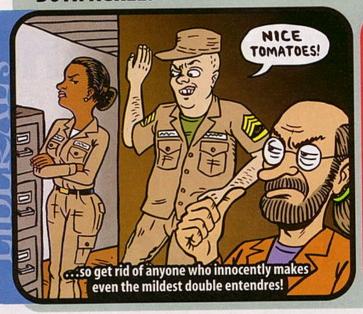


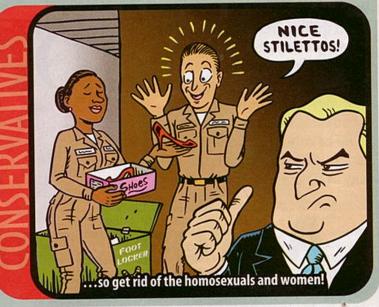
BOTH AGREE: It's perfectly all right to post the Ten Commandments...





BOTH AGREE: Sexual harassment creates a hostile environment in the military...





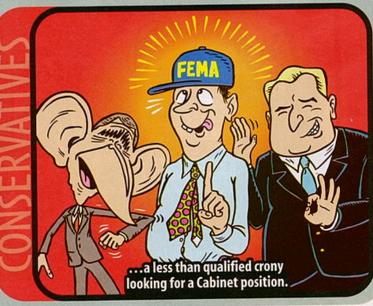
BOTH AGREE: Drug offenders should be forgiven and their crimes should be considered nothing worse than a misdemeanor...



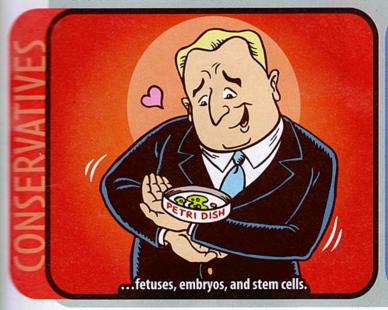


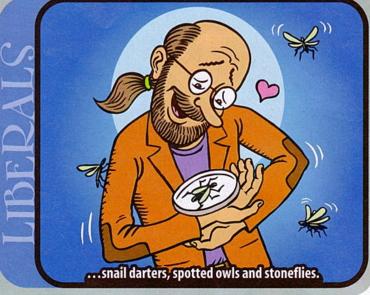
BOTH AGREE: Even though it might seem unfair, preferential treatment should be given to...



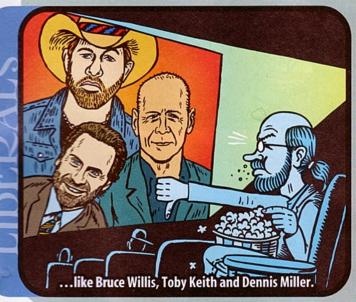


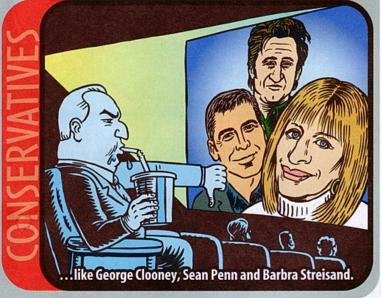
BOTH AGREE: It's important to believe in the sanctity of life for...



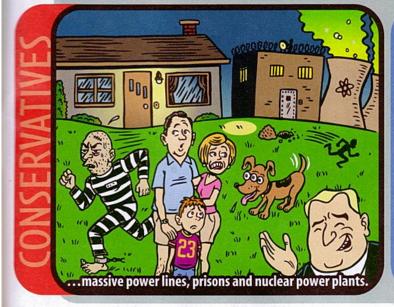


BOTH AGREE: Most show biz types don't have the necessary experience to get involved with politics...





BOTH AGREE: People should show some community spirit by accepting in their neighborhoods...





WHICH HOLLYWOOD FIGURES ARE DOWN AGAIN THIS YEAR?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD - IN

It's hard to make it big in Hollywood, but in most areas, business is booming. Budgets, salaries and ticket sales are all up. In one disturbing spot, however, the numbers keep dropping lower and lower. To find out where the numbers are spiraling out of control, fold page in as shown.



FOLD PAGE OVER LEFT FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B" A ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT BEVERAGE &CANDY SALES TICKET OVD SALES SALES UP 162% 406% PRE-SHOW ADVERTISING INCOME POPCORN SALES Puffed Aire POPCORN UP 733% 5,322%

APPARENTLY, MANY HOLLYWOOD FIGURES ARE FALLING INTO STRANGE CATEGORIES. SOME ARE REALLY
SKIDDING DOWNWARDS WHILE OTHERS, IN A FUNNY
SORT OF WAY, ARE HEADING UP. SUCH
ACTIVITY IS BOUND TO CREATE TENSION AND STRESSES

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BOTH AGREE: The leaking of classified material should be punishable by law, unless it's done by...





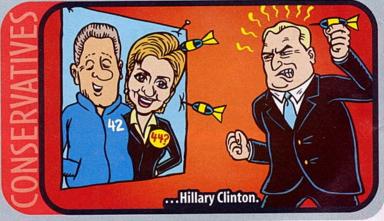
BOTH AGREE: Illness can be cured with methods outside of traditional medicine, like...





BOTH AGREE: It's disgusting that some people get ahead in politics solely on the family name, like...





BOTH AGREE: Illegal immigrants should be given amnesty...





